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SD&G must join three area boards

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CORNWALL — To say they are disappointed is an understatement.

Once again, the provincial government has ignored the pleas of local school board officials and granted Northern Ontario six new school boards while refusing to create two local boards.

Even though Ontario Education Minister John Snobelen promised the number of school boards in Ontario would be cut from 129 to 66 — a number neither he nor the Conservative government were willing to change — more boards were recently added to Premier Mike Harris's home turf of Northern Ontario.

For the past two months, SD&G Public School Board Chair Maria Thompson and Director Jim Dilamarter have met with various government officials to propose SD&G amalgamate with the Prescott-Russell Board of Education, and Lanark join with Leeds and Grenville. Under the government's model, the four boards would combine to house 41,165 students and cover 11,750 square kilometres – twice the size of Prince Edward Island.

"We found out about Northern Ontario in a press release," explained Thompson. "We were never given any explanation from anyone. Northern Ontario did need the extra boards but it is not practical for us to merge four boards."

Thompson added the SD&G Board has the support of MPP Noble Villeneuve and several parents who have collected about 3,000 letters to send to Snobelen to protest the amalgamation of the four boards.

Bill 104, the Fewer School Boards Act, will reduce the number of English-language boards from 125 to 55 by January 1998 and create 11 French-language boards.

The number of trustees would be cut more than half, from almost 1,900 to about 700.



Fatal collision

At about noon on May 15, Ernest Sopsich, 37, of RR 3, Chesterville, died instantly when the vehicle he was driving was hit by a Canadian Pacific freight train. According to police, Sopsich was headed southbound on the Winchester Twp./Finch Twp. Boundary Road when the car he was driving collided with the eastbound freight train. The train stopped about one mile east of the point of impact. Although the rail crossing was marked with signs, there were no barricades or lights. No charges are expected to be laid.

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Students send help to Manitoba

WINCHESTER — It is a case of children helping children. The 302 students at Winchester Public School kicked off a special fund here last week and their loonies formed the bulk of a $441 donation for the elementary school damaged by the Red River flooding in St. Agathe, Manitoba.

"The principal of the school in St. Agathe says their school's carpets were ruined by the flood. Books have been destroyed and the computers were down. We sent a letter home with our students asking for a donation of a loonie each. We also informed parents and other members of the community that their contributions would be welcomed," explained WPS teaching assistant Lee Findlay.

Findlay reports the students contributed $302. Donations from the school staff and others brought the final total to $441.

Hill should resign regional seat: Pratt

by Chris Bridgen

NEPEAN — Whether Progressive Conservative candidate Betty Hill should resign her regional council seat was still the hottest issue between candidates vying for the federal riding of Nepean-Carleton at a panel debate last Thurs., May 15.

The six candidates met at regional headquarters for a one-and-a-half hour question-and-answer session taped for broadcast by Rogers Community Station 22.

The hottest exchange came on the question surrounding Liberal hopeful David Pratt's decision to resign his regional council seat, while Hill retained hers.

When asked why he stepped down, Pratt said he thought it was in the best interest of his constituents. He represents the south Nepean area.

Since he planned to campaign full-time up to the June 2 election, Pratt felt he didn't have the right to collect a pay cheque for a job he isn't doing.

"I feel Betty is taking advantage of the constituents and showing contempt for the people in her riding," said Pratt.

"I didn't abandon the rural residents of my riding," retorted Hill immediately. Hill warned the residents of Nepean-Carleton to watch out, that Pratt might abandon them, too, if something else came along.

Hill said she didn't step aside because of two pressing regional concerns — amendments to the regional official plan that affect rural landowners and the issue of governance reform in Ottawa-Carleton.

Other candidates offered their views on the issue as well.

The Reform Party's Paul Fitzergerald says candidates can't wear two hats at

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Criminal activity down in township

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE— The partnership formed between the community and the OPP has created a drop in criminal activity within Winchester Township.

In 1996, township residents made 474 calls for assistance to the OPP. During the first three months of 1997, 58 calls were made to the OPP, while 75 calls were made in the same time period in 1996.

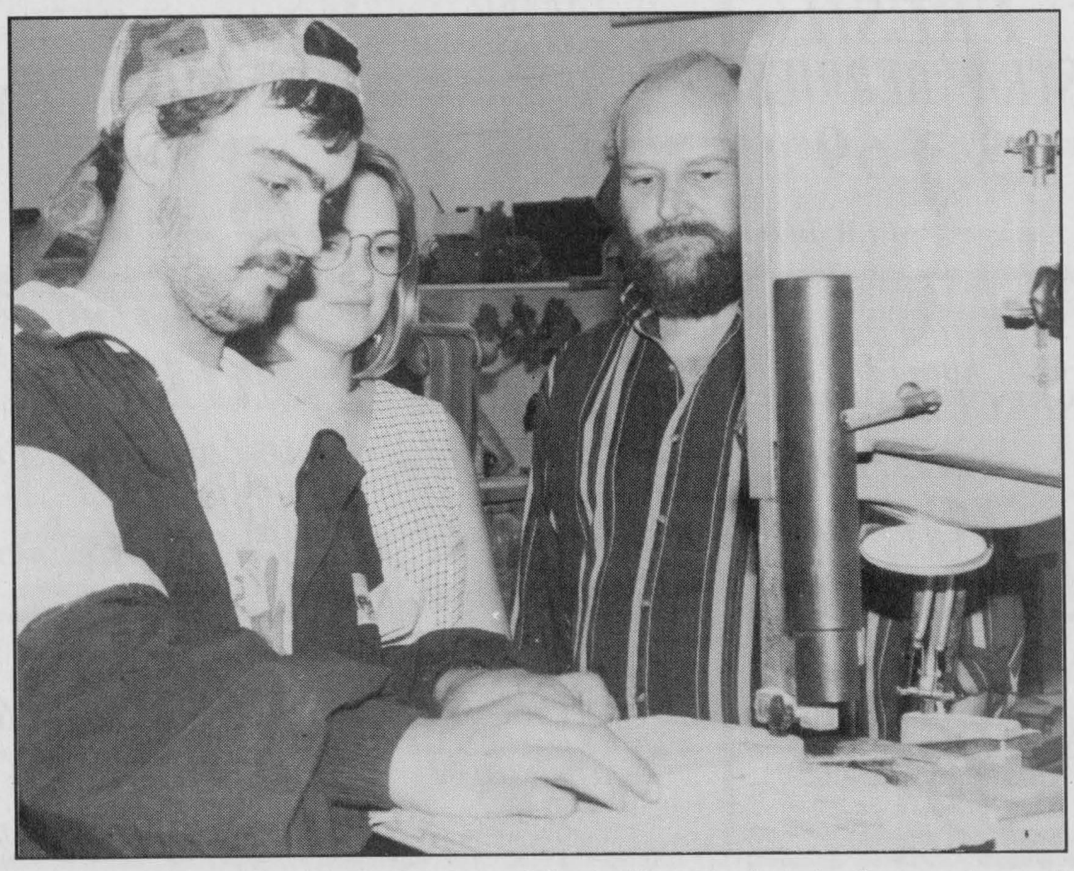
"When all three areas — reactive/investigative policing, pro-active/crime prevention and the community — are working together, we see positive results," explained Upper Canada OPP Constable Al Lummiss.

Last year, the police received 70 calls in reference to motor vehicle collisions, 19 of which were in the first three months. In the first three months of 1997, only seven calls were made in relation to motor vehicle collisions.

Two break and enters were reported by March 1997, while five were reported for the same time period in1996. There was a total of 23 break and enters reported last year within the township.

Traffic complaints are up from 1996. Two complaints were made to police within the first three months of last year, however, five have been called in so far this year. There was a total of 61 traffic complaints made in 1996.

Already this year, two calls regarding trouble with youth have been made to the OPP which is the same figure for the whole of last year.



Brent Whitford, a student with the T.R. Leger School's Alternative Learning Program, is one of 11 students who are being forced to leave North Dundas District High School. Left: Whitford, academic instructor Cheryl Williams and shop teacher Gord McDonald.

Press Photo -- Wolfe

Impending amalgamation forces PAL program out

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — *Wanted: an old barn to house 11 students from the T.R. Leger Alternative School.*

T.R. Leger's Part-time Alternative Learning Program (PAL) is being forced out of North Dundas District High School in September due to increased enrolment.

According to school officials, at least 100 more students are expected to transfer to North Dundas when the SD&G, Prescott-Russell, Lanark, and Leeds and Grenville school boards amalgamate, which is slated to occur in January 1998. However, in anticipation of the new board, some students will be switching schools in September.

After two years at North Dundas, instructor Gord McDonald is eager to find new facilities that will provide adequate space for both classroom teaching and a manufacturing shop.

"We are looking for any simple building, a good barn or a defunct service station, that has the three essentials — water, sewage and hydro — and is somewhere in the Winchester area," McDonald says. "We are prepared to do any necessary building and the students will receive credit for this."

McDonald, who is optimistic the local community will offer some facilities, wishes to run the program in a "country setting". He explains the PAL program provides alternative learning to students who have difficulty in a regular classroom setting, thus teaching students in an environment outside of the school complements the program's style.

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1,000 projects make Elma Earth School

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

ELMA — Elma Public School can officially change its name to Elma the Earth School.

Last Thursday (May 15) Elma Public School (EPS) celebrated the completion of their 1,000th environmental project with a torch run to Chesterville Public School.

"I hope by carrying the torch to them, it will encourage them to do more," said EPS principal Frank Hummell.

"The challenge is out to you (the students of EPS) as individuals and I encourage you to pass on the challenge to other schools," added education consultant for the SD&G public school board, Nancy Bowman.

For the past three years, EPS has been involved in environmental projects such as turning off the lights when leaving a room; reusing boxes to store books; designing bird feeders from old cartons, jugs, boxes and bottles; fixing toys instead of throwing them away as well as making notes on the back of computer and fax paper, all in an effort to extend the life of the planet.

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Hill

once. He says he walked away from five weeks' salary to run for the MP's job.

"Taxpayers shouldn't pay for a candidate to run."

On the question of requiring gun owners to register their weapons, Pratt defended the government's record on Bill C-68, the controversial gun control legislation.

"It's an important stride forward in making our cities safer," he said. "It's widely known that the vast majority of the public supports the legislation."

As a matter of the police services board, Pratt said officers have told him that a national gun registry would make their jobs safer and more effective.

Both Hill and Fitzgerald say their parties would repeal the bill, Hill because Canadians don't need a law that treats law-abiding citizens as crooks.

T.R. Leger

"Most of the students were asked to leave their previous high schools and this program is a stepping stone to get them back to the mainstream," adds academic instructor Cheryl Williams. "The students work individually to complete their high school credits."

McDonald instructs shop to the students three hours a day, after they have completed their academic studies.

"We offer a manufacturing program where the students mostly work in assembly line format," he explains. "We mass produce more than a 1,000 items a year such as stools, bird feeders, duck figures, shelves (and much more) for craft sales, various shows and special orders. It's done in an effort to teach work skills."

Since the shop receives no funding from the SD&G School Board, the manufacturing is run as a business and students receive about $250 a year, after all expenses have been paid.

Brent Whitford and his classmates built the arboretum at the Nor-Dun Seniors Support Centre in Winchester.

"I'm hopeful they will find another site," he says. "I'll be graduated then but I'm willing to come back and help with the move. The program is great ... it's a lot easier then sitting in a class all day."

The PAL students also worked on stage props for North Dundas's production of Little Shop of Horrors last year.

Yvon Mayer, co-ordinator of the PAL program, is optimistic the program will find new facilities.

"The program is well known and the students have done a lot for the community," he says. "It wasn't a surprise to be asked to leave the school. We are a tenant and whatever the owner wants to do is up to him or her."

If you have available space for the program (about 2,500 square feet), contact Gord McDonald or Cheryl Williams at North Dundas District High School, or Yvon Mayer, PAL program co-ordinator, at 613-937-0120.

Correction

In the May 14 edition of the Press it stated a warrant for Donald Meathrell was issued on May 13. The warrant was rescinded later that same day without the knowledge of Press staff. Meathrell's next court appearance will be on May 30.

Police blotter

Person charged

WILLIAMSBURG — A Williamsburg man has been charged in relation to a May 9 incident at the Dundas County Community Living Group Home in Williamsburg.

Scott Saddlemire, 25, of Williamsburg Twp. has been charged with break and enter; intent to commit murder; trespass by night; as well as two counts each of uttering threats of death and uttering threats to commit sexual assault.

Saddlemire is being held in custody to await a bail hearing on May 26.

Equipment theft

WILLIAMSBURG TWP. — On May 16, a red Coleman generator was removed from the site of a new home under construction in south Williamsburg Twp.

Out-of-towners charged

MORRISBURG — One person has been charged as a result of an investigation conducted into a suspect broken down motor vehicle on County Road 2 around Upper Canada Village.

Philippe Boris, 72, of Montreal, Quebec was charged with two counts of possession of stolen property — a stolen vehicle and a stolen licence plate, two counts of breach of probation and two counts of breach of recognizance.

On May 17, police were called to investigate a motor vehicle accident which occurred on Hwy. 401.

Jerome Kasper, 42 of Mississauga has been charged with impaired driving, driving over the .08 limit, possession of a narcotic. Kasper was also charged with possession of liquor in a motor vehicle.

Bikes and the Highway Traffic Act

WINCHESTER — Cyclists are reminded that under the Highway Traffic Act they are considered to be a 'vehicle' and many of the same sections which apply to driving a motor vehicle, will also apply to them.

When approaching a stop sign, cyclist are also required to stop and yield the right of way to traffic as they would in their cars.

Failing to stop at a posted stop sign on a bicycle carries the same penalty as it does for other drivers and can result in the accumulation of demerit points against your driver's licence.

Suspicious activity

MANOTICK — At about 1:30 pm on May 16, a tall, slender man, 20-25 years old approached a Grey's Creek home. This individual tried to get into the house by forcing open a door. He was scared off by the homeowner and fled in a dark colored mid-size car with a red stripe on it. Police were not able to locate the suspect. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police immediately at 1-888-310-3122.

Stolen dogs

GREELY — There were two separate reports of dogs being stolen last week.

On May 17, four puppies were taken from their pen at a McGuire Road home. They were golden retriever/rottweiller crosses. The other stolen dog was a four-year-old golden retriever, which disappeared from a Johnston Road home in Greely.

Mischief

MANOTICK — A light post was damaged at an Eastman Ave. home. Pellet-sized holes were found in windows at the Metcalfe Arena and library. Someone slashed window screens and broke a window at Kars Public School. A school bus parked at the Market Square in Osgoode was damaged and a fire extinguisher was stolen.

Found bike

MANOTICK — A mountain bike was found in a field beside the 9th Line on May 17. Anyone who would like more information can call Constable Nancy Onlock at 692-2525.

Campaign promotes active living

This is the first in a six-part series on "SummerActive 97", a program sponsored by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Health Canada and community partners.

WINCHESTER — Wheel, walk or Go For Green — just get out there! That's the message behind this year's SummerActive program, a six-week campaign designed to keep Canadians active and motivated.

"If the proven health benefits of being active aren't motivation enough, consider this: regular physical activity can add two years to the average life expectancy," says Eric Boisclair of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Walking is a step in the right direction, says Boisclair. In Canada, walking is the number one form of physical activity and its popularity is growing.

"You don't have to sign up for the Boston Marathon. A brisk 30 or 40-minute walk at least three days a week is enough to achieve optimal fitness," says Boisclair.

But feet aren't the only "vehicles" to active living. Wheels — from bicycles and wheelchairs to inline skates and skateboards — can also help you become summer active.

"It's a great combination: fresh air, physical activity and a chance to enjoy the outdoors and the surroundings ... all on a pair of wheels," says Boisclair.

Go For Green! encourages people to 'actively' enjoy nature.

For more information about 'SummerActive 97' call the HealthLine at 1-800-267-0852.



Students passed around a torch made from a recycled hockey stick, a re-used garbage bag and a miniature blue box.

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Elma

"I remember those first few projects and I don't think we thought we'd be celebrating 1,000 projects a few years later," noted former EPS principal Earl Jeacle.

Jeacle, along with parent Judith Welland, initiated the school's environmental awareness three years ago.

"It's the lessons that each of you (the students) have learned, the lessons that you will keep with you, that is so important," said Jeacle.

Two years ago, EPS was awarded Green School status when they completed 100 environmental projects. Two years later, EPS is only the 50th school in Canada, the 18th in Ontario and the first with the SD&G Public School Board to reach 'Earth School' status — the completion of 1,000 environmental projects.

"I was here two years ago to celebrate 100 projects and I cannot believe they've added another 900 projects in two years," noted SD&G Board of Education Chair Maria Thompson.

According to Don Fairweather, SD&G superintendent, the projects the students have completed extend beyond the boundaries of the school.

"If we each make our little part of the world better, it will make the whole world better."

"They're choosing to not only help with education but also with the environment around them and keeping it clean," added local school board trustee Susan Adams.



Elma Public School principal Frank Hummell addressed his students during an assembly before the torch run.

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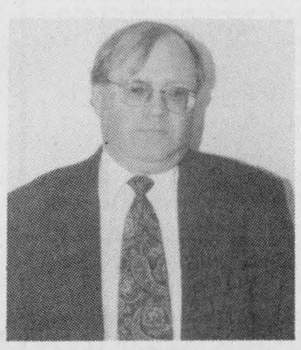

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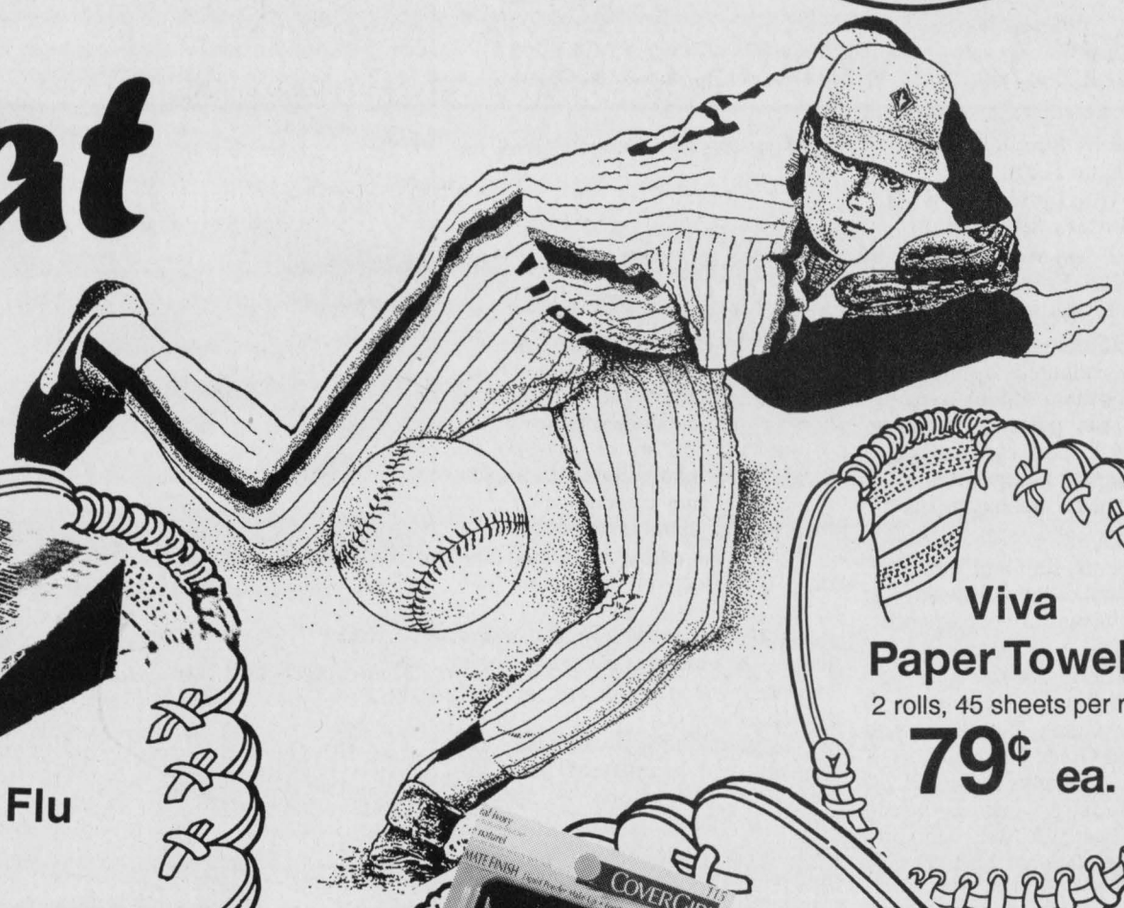



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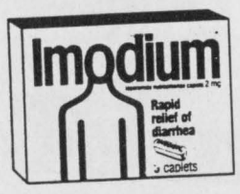

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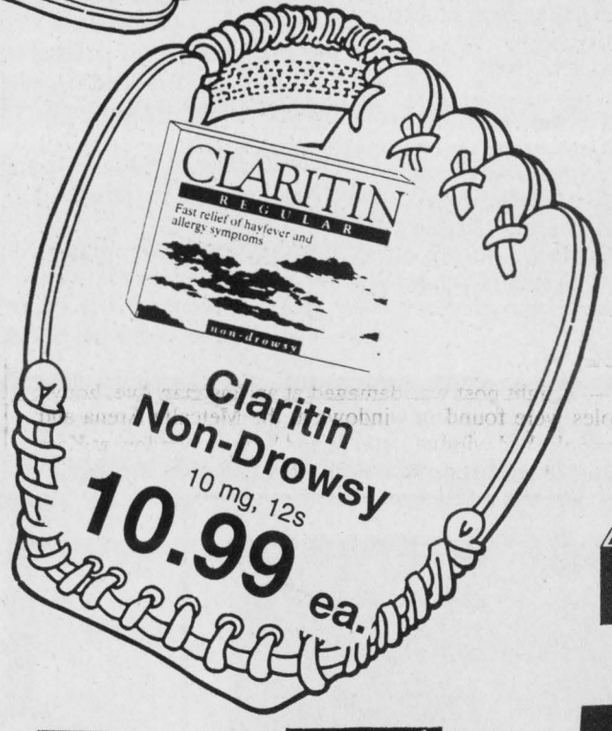

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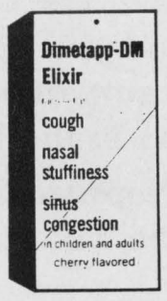

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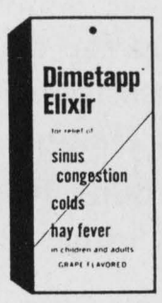

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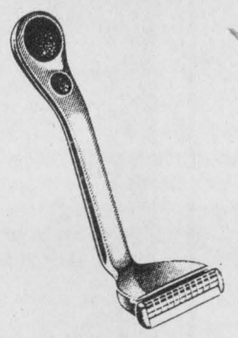

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MPS teacher retires after 32- year career

compiled by Bonnie Clingin, Wayne Ferguson, Maureen Hutchinson, M. Kelly, and Mary Schoones

METCALFE — After 32 years of teaching, Karl Knuth retired from teaching in March.

A loyal Toronto Maple Leafs fan, Knuth was honored by Metcalfe Public School in a school assembly where he was presented with an autographed Maple Leafs jersey and letter of congratulations from Cliff Fletcher, general manager of the Leafs.

The students, staff and parents of Metcalfe Public School wish Mr. Knuth best wishes in his retirement.

BAND NOTES

The MPS Band is made up of 20 enthusiastic Grade 7 students and nine talented Grade 8 students.

On May 21, thanks to these dedicated and hard-working young musicians, Metcalfe will be represented at the National MusicFest in Ottawa/Hull for the first time.

This year the band received its first invitation and in addition to performing, the band will enjoy workshops and concerts given by some of Canada's best musicians. The five-day festival runs from May 21 to May 25.

Meanwhile, students at MPS have been busy fundraising to help raise the money needed for the band members to attend the festival. Some members will be coming to your door, bearing pledge forms and asking for donations for our upcoming dance-a-thon. If you donate, a band member will phone you to thank you personally.

The band's performance at the Nationals will take place at the Palais des Congres, Hull - Stage 3 at 2 pm on May 21. Admission is free.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

On April 16, MPS held its school public speaking finals.

Junior winner: Josh Andrews, Grade 6; runner-up: Courtney Mills, Grade 6; intermediate finalist: Kanwhal Nabi, Grade 8; intermediate runner-up: Josh Ferguson, Grade 8.

Kanwhal Nabi also won the central area finals. Josh Andrews was the runner-up at the division finals held at Osgoode Public School on April 23.

CONFERENCES

At Metcalfe this year, the staff has hosted student-led conferencing at all grade levels.

Student-led conferencing is another vehicle of communication behavior between the school and home regarding student progress.

Students prepare a portfolio of their work, plan, conduct, implement and evaluate a conference with their parents about their portfolio.

It provides a forum in which students can effectively talk about their school work with their parents, set goals for their learning and work habits as well as celebrate their growth towards being self-directed lifelong learners.

Congratulations to all staff and students and parents for their co-operation and efforts. A special thanks to Mary Schoones' Grade 3/4 class for assisting many primary and junior grade students in preparing for the SLC.

STORY TELLING

Story telling is an activity enjoyed each winter by students and teachers in the primary grades at MPS.

The tradition of storytelling is first introduced and discussed with each class. Each child then busies him/herself with choosing a good book or story for telling.

This story is then read over and over and practised on family so that the student can tell it to his/her classmates. Every child told a story this year.

Two or three from each classroom were chosen to tell the stories in the library to all the primary students, teachers and special guests. This is a big event. After every child tells his/her story, comments of praise and appreciation were given by the special guests.

Special storytellers this year were: Grade 1 - Daniel Haner, Cory Melkert, Liam Parsons and Dawson Stanley. Grade 2 - Bradley Acres, Matthew Crerar, Steven Larabie, Amelia Jarrett. Grade 3 - Michaela Beuman, Kyle Gillespie, Richard Pruner, Michael Van Haren and Ruth Posthuma.



Fun on the midway

Matthew Kuepferling and his sister Emma enjoyed the midway in Morrisburg during the Giant Yard and Sidewalk Sale on Sat., May 17.

Fewer polling stations

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CORNWALL — Don't expect to be casting your ballot on June 2 at the same polling station as in the last federal election.

There are 13 fewer polling stations in Stormont-Dundas this year, 171 compared to 184 in 1993.

"For the same territory we now have 171 stations," explained Gerald Samson, Returning Officer for Stormont-Dundas. "All of the boundaries have been enlarged so there are fewer polling stations in each village.

"It was a question of evening out the travelling distances and it could have been a financial (decision) also. It will be an inconvenience but hopefully it won't deter people from voting."

Although the polling stations have not changed in Winchester, there have been changes in surrounding areas. Inkerman residents will cast their ballots at the IOOF Hall in South Mountain as opposed to in the village.

Where to vote

In the village of Winchester, residents will vote on June 2 at either the Winchester Public School or St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Residents will be notified by mail where they should vote. Advance polls will be at the Chesterville Fire Hall on May 23, 24 and 26.

Matilda Township residents will vote at either the Hallville Fire Station, Mountain Community Hall,

Martin meets NDP leader

NDP leader Alexa McDonough strode to the stage after the recent leaders' debate pumped and ready to fight. Nepean-Carleton candidate Cathy Martin was there to greet her. Local hopefuls for the party attended a breakfast meeting with the leader May 12 at the Citadel Hotel in downtown Ottawa.

McDonough received a rousing standing ovation as she entered the upstairs hall. "For three and a half years in government, the debate was the first time the Prime Minister had to deal with any real opposition," she said to cheers.

Hill plans to take the Hill

With Rideau Township Mayor Jim Stewart, Nepean city counsellor Doug Collins and Paul Schurman behind her, Betty Hill is ready to take the Hill.

The Conservative candidate for Nepean-Carleton hopeful held an open house in her riding office in the Barrhaven Mall on May 17.

She was supported there by volunteers and her three one-time opponents for the nomination.

"Never have so many people come out to support me," said Hill.

Advance polls

Advance polls for the June 2 federal election will be held May 23, 24 and 26 across the Nepean-Carleton riding from noon until 8 pm, each day.

The local advance polls are at Mary Honeywell Elementary School, the Walter Baker Centre, Marlborough Public School, Manotick Public School, the Osgoode Community Centre and the Greely Elementary School.

Fifth and final debate

The six candidates running for Nepean-Carleton's federal seat meet in debate for the fifth and last time May 26 at St. Mark High School. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the debate begins at 8 pm.

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Gardiner offers concrete answers to local concerns

(The following are excerpts from an interview with NDP candidate Syd Gardiner).

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CORNWALL – Syd Gardiner is proposing various hands-on solutions to improve the local economy and create jobs. He is against the closure of Cornwall's General Hospital, citing statistics that indicate a desperate need for the hospital services to remain.

Question: What do you feel is the most important issue in Stormont-Dundas?

Answer: The number one issue I'd like to get cracking on if I'm elected is jobs. First, we need (to buy) Highway 2 (from the provincial government which would) create local jobs. We were offered $8.5 million a few years ago by the NDP (government) but the (United) Counties turned it down. I'd like to go after that money again and get it going before it deteriorates more. Apparently now it costs $15 million (to repair) and (Premier Mike) Harris has offered us $5 million.

I also want to continue the push towards encouraging the 'Team Cornwall' concept where the business Chamber of Commerce has gotten together with economic development in Cornwall and they have formed like a Team Canada to branch out and bring business to Cornwall.

Question? But how does this affect people in the rural areas?

Answer: If you bring plants to this area, people will come from wherever to work.

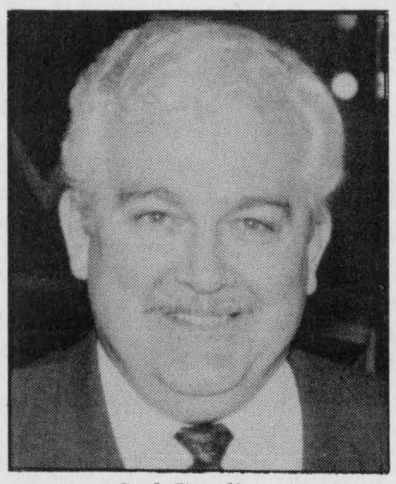
I also wish to build a fish farm or fish hatchery to compliment our water front and do it commercially. It would be a tourist attraction and put back fish in clean water and could be used to restock our rivers. The farm could be in Ingleside or even an added attraction at the Upper Canada Village.

The city of Cornwall could have had a chance at a $100 million sugar factory recently but nobody seemed to know about it. We need to look at our communication system and see what is wrong and why we wouldn't be in the running for this type of plant.

Question: How do you feel about cuts to health care and the future loss of services at local hospitals?

Answer: I know 268 people last year who spent time in the hallways (at the General) because there was no-one to take care of them. Harris's people are walking around looking at empty rooms saying, 'Gee, we don't need this', but the people that should be in those rooms are out in the hallways. In April, 78 people spent the night in the hallway at the Hotel Dieu Hospital based on figures from admitting personnel.

I find the shutting down (of the Cornwall General Hospital) unacceptable. I'm no different than any-



Syd Gardiner

one else. Yes we need to restructure and become more efficient. But my particular fear is the hospitals that are going. We are headed towards health care for profit. A privatized health care system will only benefit the very wealthy because the poor won't be able to afford it.

We have been waiting for years now for a kidney dialysis machine in Stormont-Dundas which would create two or three jobs. But where the hell is it? People from all over the area have been forced to travel to Ottawa.

Question: On the issue of cuts to education, many people in this area are concerned about the amalgamation of four area boards — SD&G, Prescott-Russell, Lanark and Leeds and Grenville — into one mega board twice the area of Prince Edward Island. How do you feel about this issue?

Answer: I don't understand (MPP) Noble Villeneuve's position. In 1987 and 1991, he stood up in the House (of Commons) and was totally against amalgamation saying it would take away people's democratic rights to get to the trustees and now he's become totally mussled.

I'm fed up of seeing our kids who are working on computers and Internet technology heading south because there don't appear to be the paying jobs in Canada as there are in the United States. Canada has one of the best communication infrastructures in the world so why aren't we pulling these businesses to our area?

What bothers me about secondary education system is (other countries) have a system where college and university costs are basically non-existant. So what kind of a system do they have and can we go over there and find out how much of it we could bring here?

How many kids are not going to school because they can't afford it? There should be accessibility for all.

Question: Do you think you have a chance being elected in a riding that has voted Liberal for several years?

Answer: It's too Liberal. If I look at unemployment statistics here they haven't changed in eight years so what is really being done? Ontario east is being neglected by all levels of government.

Campbell: Yogic Flying key to universal harmony

(The following are excerpts from an interview with Natural Law Party candidate Ian Campbell.)

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Although Ian Campbell is aware many voters in Stormont-Dundas may perceive his party's platform as 'alternative', he is nevertheless religiously spreading the Natural Law Party's messages throughout the riding.

Question: It must be difficult to convince people that Yogic Flying, such an unconventional theory, is the solution to the many problems in our nation.

Answer: The positive effects of Yogic Flying have been well verified in 41 studies but the problem is it's new. Yogic Flying and transidental meditation techniques are key to solving unemployment, decreasing crime, reducing illness, and causing changes in diet, exercise and much more. Yogic Flying is also key to introducing the harmony that is needed to function well in the nation.

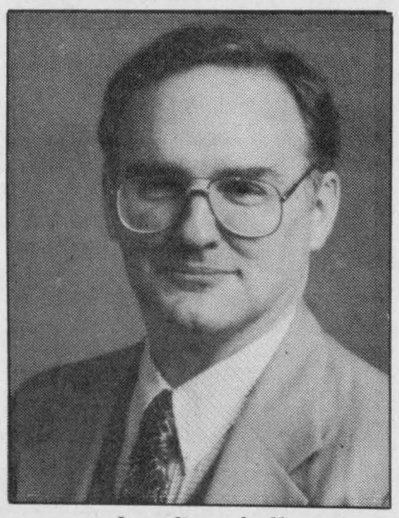
Yogic Flying is a mental technique that creates coherence in the brain waves so that they all work together. Among many things, it makes a person more intelligent. The techniques are actually quite easy to learn.

Question: How does Yogic Flying solve unemployment?

Answer: The secret to employment is actually very simple — more creativity and entrepreneurial spirit amongst the people. This depends on brain wave coherence, good health and energy. Unless these needs are met, no matter how much money the government puts into various programs, it's not going to happen. What produces results is the ordinary person with an idea to say start baking cookies and five years later he or she has a franchise cookie chain. The fastest way to have entrepreneurial creativity is to teach people the transidental meditation technique and have lots of Yogic Flyers.

Question: We are dealing with a national unemployment rate of close to 10 per cent. How long would it take for Yogic Flyers to change things around?

Answer: What has been shown in a small area where this has been done, after two or three years the unemployment rate is as little as a third of what it was before. The more people (Yogic Flyers) we have, the faster it would go. We believe our party could create over two million jobs in the first three years across Canada. We would not give money for that, rather, we



Ian Campbell

would enliven the creativity of the people and they would do it for themselves.

Question: I understand the Natural Law Party's approach to health care is preventing further illness as opposed to cutting hospital budgets.

Answer: We see that hospitals are being closed down due to lack of funds but the thing is, the illness is still there. We want to remove the problem of disease and thereby save the money being put into the system. A recently published scientific study shows we can get 91 per cent less illness with prevention methods and technologies.

Question: This sounds great in theory but how would you go about doing this?

Answer: There are a series of things that can be done. It has been shown that a large group of Yogic Flyers will reduce the level of disease. They will also reduce the level of crime and car accidents because when the whole atmosphere is more coherent and more lively, people do something better and start to fulfill their desires in a more constructive way. The group would consist of 10,000 (Yogic Flyers) across the country and between one and 300 in every constituency.

Question: Do you believe you will find support for your ideas in this riding?

Answer: In the federal election in 1993 this area gave the Natural Law party the third largest number of votes than any other Natural Law candidate across the province.

I believe people in rural areas have a closer connection to nature. I personally believe many farmers would like to support some of our policies such as increasing more sustainable agriculture in organic farming. Most of the reason they don't support it is that the knowledge isn't there right now. If the government supported how to do more organic and natural sustainable agriculture, then I think farmers would adopt it.

Candidates face fire on gun control issue

WINCHESTER— The four local federal candidates will be questioned on gun control at an information meeting on Thurs., March 24 in Winchester.

Liberal candidate Bob Kilger, PC Party's Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Reform's Charles Dillabough and NDP's Syd Gardiner will discuss their views on gun control, crime control and related legislation.

The information meeting is sponsored by the Dundas Firearms Association. The meeting will take place at the Winchester Arena at 7:30 pm. The general public is welcome. For more information, call 535-2912.

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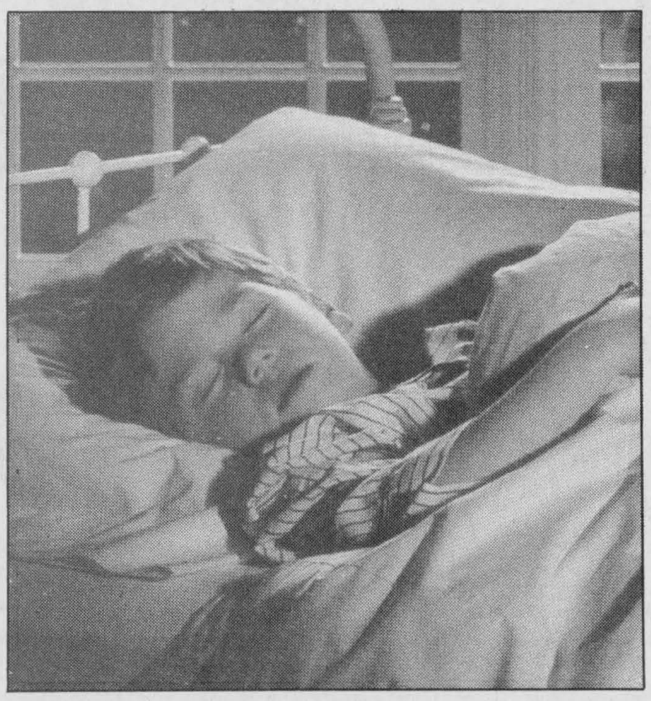

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EDITORIAL

No "pork" for SD&G

The Harris government is using 'pork barrel' politics in implementing Bill 104, the Fewer School Boards Act.

In a blatant partisan exercise, the government has *added six new school boards* in Premier Mike Harris's home turf of Northern Ontario despite the supposed goal of the Act, which is to decrease the number of school boards in Ontario from 129 to 66.

This is especially galling to educators in SD&G where the government is forcing four local boards to amalgamate into one huge board with 41,165 students, an action that will have many negative repercussions for students, educators, trustees and parents.

A board that will cover 11,750 square kilometres – twice the area of Prince Edward Island – does not make common sense, especially when the government's legislation is proposing much smaller boards, with an average of 20,000-25,000 students.

Bill 104 will reduce the number of English-language boards from 125 to 55 (29 public and 26 separate) and create 11 French-language boards (four public and seven separate) from the four existing French-language boards. The number of trustees will be cut more than half, from almost 1,900 to about 700.

Conservative estimates indicate there will be 100 more students at North Dundas District High School this fall due to the amalgamated board. As a result, T.R. Leger's Alternative School's Part-time Alternative Learning Program is being forced out of the school so the two classrooms the program occupied can accommodate the new students.

As the SD&G Public School Board has little funding for the T.R. Leger program, which combines academic learning with practical experience, the program co-ordinator is desperately looking for other facilities – even an old barn – just to keep the program alive.

Parents in SD&G have collected about 3,000 letters that they plan to forward to Education Minister John Snobelen to protest the amalgamation of the SD&G, Prescott-Russell, Lanark and Leeds and Grenville boards. The letters highlight the idea that creating two boards – SD&G/Prescott-Russell, and Lanark/Leeds and Grenville – would be more practical.

The government clearly does not understand the implications of creating one huge local board that will cover 11,750 square kilometres. How will drastically fewer trustees manage such a territory? How will fewer teachers cope with larger classes? How many programs will suffer? How will this affect the students?

It is 'pork barrel' politics at its worst to expand in the Premier's home turf while inflicting a board twice the size of PEI on SD&G.

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This week in...

1947

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed 12 cows, four horses, two calves and grain and hay on the farm occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Casselman of the Vancamp Road. The Casselmans and their 10 children were away from home at the time of the fire. Neighbors organized a committee to canvass for funds to buy a team of horses and some harness so the family could get their spring crop planted.

The directors of the Dundas Cheese Producers' Association met to protest an announcement made by the Minister of Agriculture regarding the price of cheese to producers for 1947. The resolution urged the Ontario Producers' Association to do everything possible to impress upon government authorities that the cheese prices for 1947 should be set in keeping with the rising costs of milk production.

The Cat Creeps starring Lois Collier, Noah Berry Jr., and Paul Kelly was playing at the Picadilly Theatre in Williamsburg.

Ladies' all-wool sweaters sold for $4.29 at Keyes' Cash Store in Winchester. Men's quality work shirts were $1.69 and work boots were $5 a pair.

1957

Farm buildings and valuable stock and machinery were destroyed in a devastating $20,000 fire at the farm of Don Stewart of Osgoode. Stewart, prominent farmer and noted sheep breeder, was past-president of the Central Canada Exhibition and the Ottawa Winter Fair. The flash fire swept through the large barns destroying 10 head of cattle, two purebred, and eight grades.

Miss Jean Wyatt was elected president of the Dundas-Grenville Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Beyond Mombassa starring Donna Reed and Cornel Wilde was playing at the Winchester Theatre. *The White Squaw* starring David Brian and May Wynn was also playing.

Rotary mowers were $49.95 at Canadian Tire in Williamsburg. Super power mowers were $84.95.

1967

Morrisburg OPP detachment welcomed Peter Van Hoof of Petawawa to the force. He was previously in the RCAF where he was employed in the photographic trade.

Winchester Public School's new $62,000 multi-purpose room was officially declared open by village Reeve George Elliott. The new auditorium-gymnasium gave the public school complete facilities as required by the latest standards of the Department of Education curriculum.

George Brown, Reeve of Cardinal and Warden of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, was named executive vice-president of the Liberal Association for the newly formed Grenville-Carleton riding.

1977

Osie Villeneuve was nominated as the Progressive Conservative candidate for SD&G. In his acceptance speech, he attacked the Parti Quebecois government in Quebec for its attempts to end confederation. Villeneuve was the longest sitting member of the Ontario legislature and has represented the riding of SD&G since it was formed in 1975.

Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker won the SD&G Liberal nomination gaining a clear majority over two other candidates on the first ballot. Whitteker was opposed by Lancaster Reeve Bill Cumming and Allan Burns, manager of the Ault Rehabilitation Centre in Alexandria.

High school students in SD&G were to attend classes for an extra 10 days in June in an effort to make up for instruction time lost during the recently settled teacher's strike. The 553 secondary school teachers under the tri-county board of education took strike action in early April after failing to reach an agreement on a new contract retroactive to the previous September.

Agriculture and Food Minister Bill Newman announced details of an employment program to provide work for thousands of people in rural Ontario, with special emphasis on summer jobs for students. The $10 million program included $1 million to help hire harvest workers.

Some Winchester business owners were concerned a new 20-outlet shopping plaza scheduled for construction in Chesterville could have an adverse effect on area businesses. The complex was expected to open in November at the corner of Queen Street and Highway 43.

Maple Ridge Senior Public School boys won their consecutive Senior Dundas County softball title at Nationview. The boys repeated their 1976 championship chalking-up four straight wins in the tournament. They defeated Nationview 12-3 in the opener then downed Iroquois 16-5 and Morrisburg 9-6 before taking Nationview 12-2 in the title match.

1987

Matilda Township council became the first municipality in the area to pass a motion reinforcing the area's English-only status. Council felt that Matilda should remain


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unilingual and said it would ask the provincial government to hold a referendum on whether Ontario should become fully bilingual.

Carleton School Board trustees voted to add the option of a moment's silence to opening exercises at its schools along with the singing of O Canada and repetition of the Lord's Prayer or other suitable reading. The trustees decided that readings could be chosen from the book known as Toronto Readings and Prayers.

After 10 years as the owner of Auto Wonderland Museum on Highway 2 near Ingleside, Keigh Acres decided to sell the museum and the 20 odd remaining cars in his collection. Acres said he was calling it quits for health reasons.

Four athletes from North Dundas District High School — two sprinters and two jumpers — qualified to compete at the 1987 Eastern Ontario championships. Sprinter Kerry Thompson of Chesterville won her heat and was third overall to qualify for the EOSSAA junior girls 200 metres. Winchester's Jeff Holmes won the silver medal in the boys 400 metres. Sam Gibson of Winchester qualified fourth in his senior boys' field of long jumpers. Russell's Karim Oliver finished fourth in both the long jump and triple jump.

Twenty-five bowlers received individual and team awards at the fifth annual Russell Bowling League banquet. Regular season winners were Tina Becks, Paul Howard, Judi Hubbard, Lynn Yarwood and Greg Young. Runner-up members were Leo Bekkers, Betty Brown, Alice Cooney, Don Gould and Susan Klein-Swormink.



A nurturing ritual for our times

I bake bread. Every week, I bake three or four loaves of honey whole wheat and sourdough bread — my own recipe.

I bake bread because these are times that call for homemade bread. In the middle of all the uncertainty and change going on around us, it's nice to perform a routine which has remained unchanged for thousands of years, and will remain for as long as people need to eat. It gives a comforting sense of continuity.

When I smell the bread baking, it says 'home' to me. I try to make sure that kids are around to help with the weekly routine because it's a smell I want to imbed in their little heads. When they grow up, I want them to associate the comforting, nurturing smell of bread baking with being children. It's a memory that will be important to them.

Baking bread is an essential act, a kind of basic magic — alchemy in the kitchen. Through the simple combination of the primary elements — earth, wind, fire, water and faith — I can make food.

The earth, of course, in the flour ground from wheat. The wind in the gas produced by the yeast which makes the bread rise; the fire from the heat of the oven, and the water and milk to hold it all together. Add a little honey and presto chango! A loaf of bread.

The faith? Well, baking bread is also an act of homage, isn't it? It's impossible to mix the flour, cereal and the milk and not think about just how basic is our need for food and how basic food can be. The smell of the ingredients in the bowl is the smell of the earth after a summer rain; the smell of the bread baking in the oven is the August sun of the prairies, and the taste of that first hot slice carved off the end of the steaming loaf is the taste of faith — of gratitude for having enough to eat, and the hope that there will still be flour, water and milk next year.



Home Free
by Otte Rosenkrantz

I bake bread in times of stress. When things go really go bad, either in my own life or in the life of the world. I slip into the kitchen and whip up a loaf or two of my Honey and Whole Wheat. I find reassurance in the fact that no matter what has gone wrong, the ritual of making bread and what that means remains unchanged.

Go back to basics. Start with a large bowl, add one cup of white flour, one cup of whole wheat... baking the bread won't solve my problems, but it does put things back in perspective.

I wonder... might it not be an idea to make political leaders bake bread? Wouldn't it be a good idea to stop the election campaign right in the middle and make everybody go into the kitchen and reach for a large bowl and some flour?

This after all, is what it is really all about ladies and gentleman. Not land or language or political ideology or religion, but bread, pure and simple. Try to keep that in mind — people are counting on you.

(Otte Rosenkrantz of London, Ontario, is a columnist journalist, author, corporate communications consultant, bonsai grower, vegetable gardener, stay-at-home father to his young son and daughter and a sympathetic observer of the human condition.)

Winchester springs into spring



Renate Wesley of Main Street Craft Gallery in Winchester displays one of her paintings.



Spring Trade show

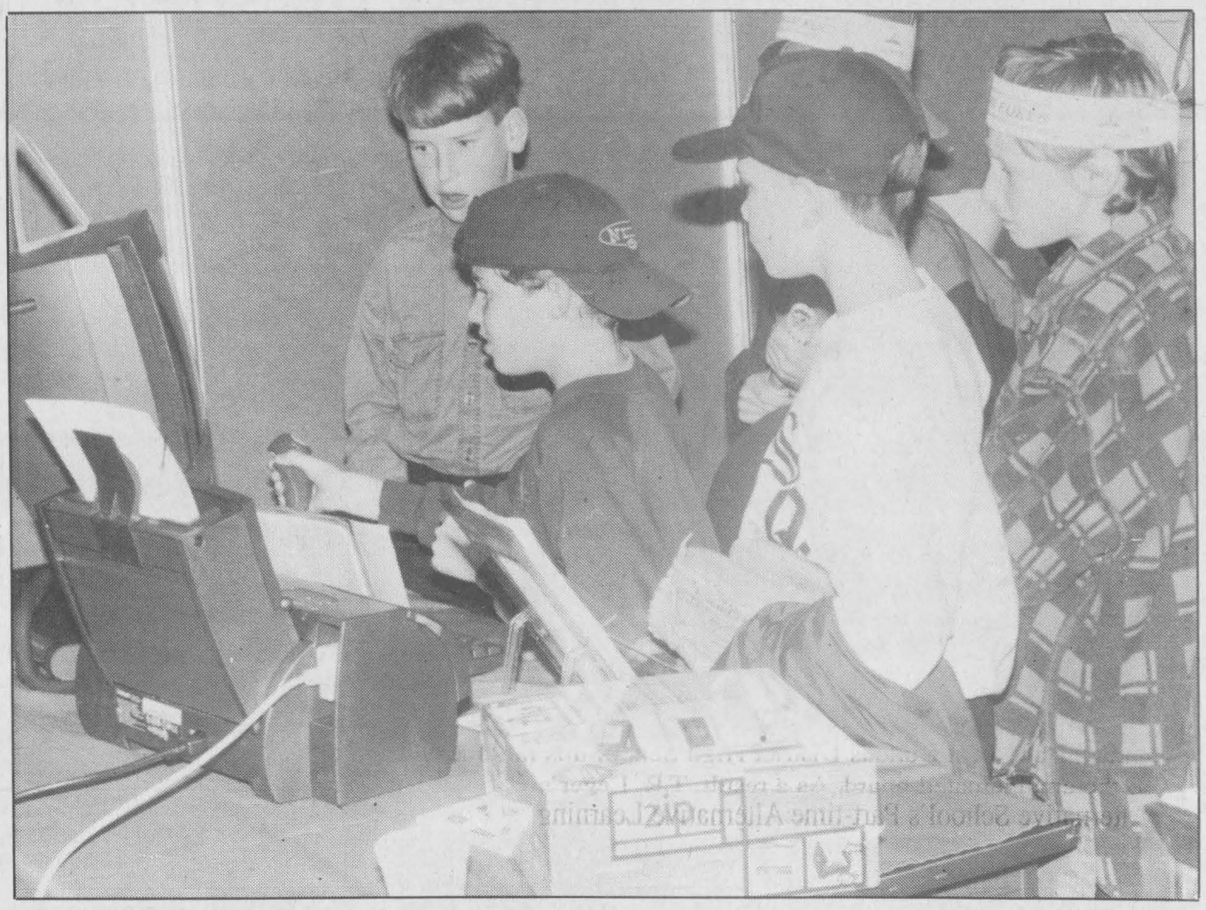
The first Winchester Spring Trade Show was held Thurs., May 15 and Fri., May 16 at the Community Centre and Curling Club. More than 45 booths were on display. Although there were craft, fashion and boating and fishing shows, overall attendance was poor. Organizers say only about half the number of people attended compared to last year. This is the first time the trade show has been held in the spring as opposed to the fall.



Elizabeth Pelkey of Winchester was one of a handful of models in the fashion show Friday night. About 100 outfits were displayed during two shows Friday and Saturday nights.



Dave Black, of Weagant Farm Supplies, discusses a tractor with Metcalfe's Ron Harrison.



Popular display

The Micro Doctor and Technology display at the Winchester and District Chamber of Commerce Spring Trade Fair was a hit with the younger visitors to Friday's show. The event also featured a craft show and sale, fashion show and fishing demonstration.



Hearty handshake

Federal Progressive Conservative candidate Leslie O'Shaughnessy paid a visit to Winchester's Spring Trade Fair/ Craft Show and Sale Friday night. O'Shaughnessy fielded some questions from Winchester residents Howard Guy, left, and Howard Summers in the arena lobby.

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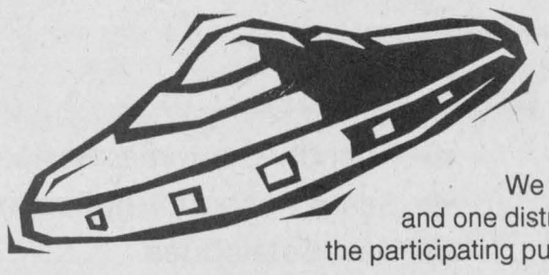

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Reach team comes third in province

MAPLE RIDGE — The North Dundas Reach for the Top team is third in the province.

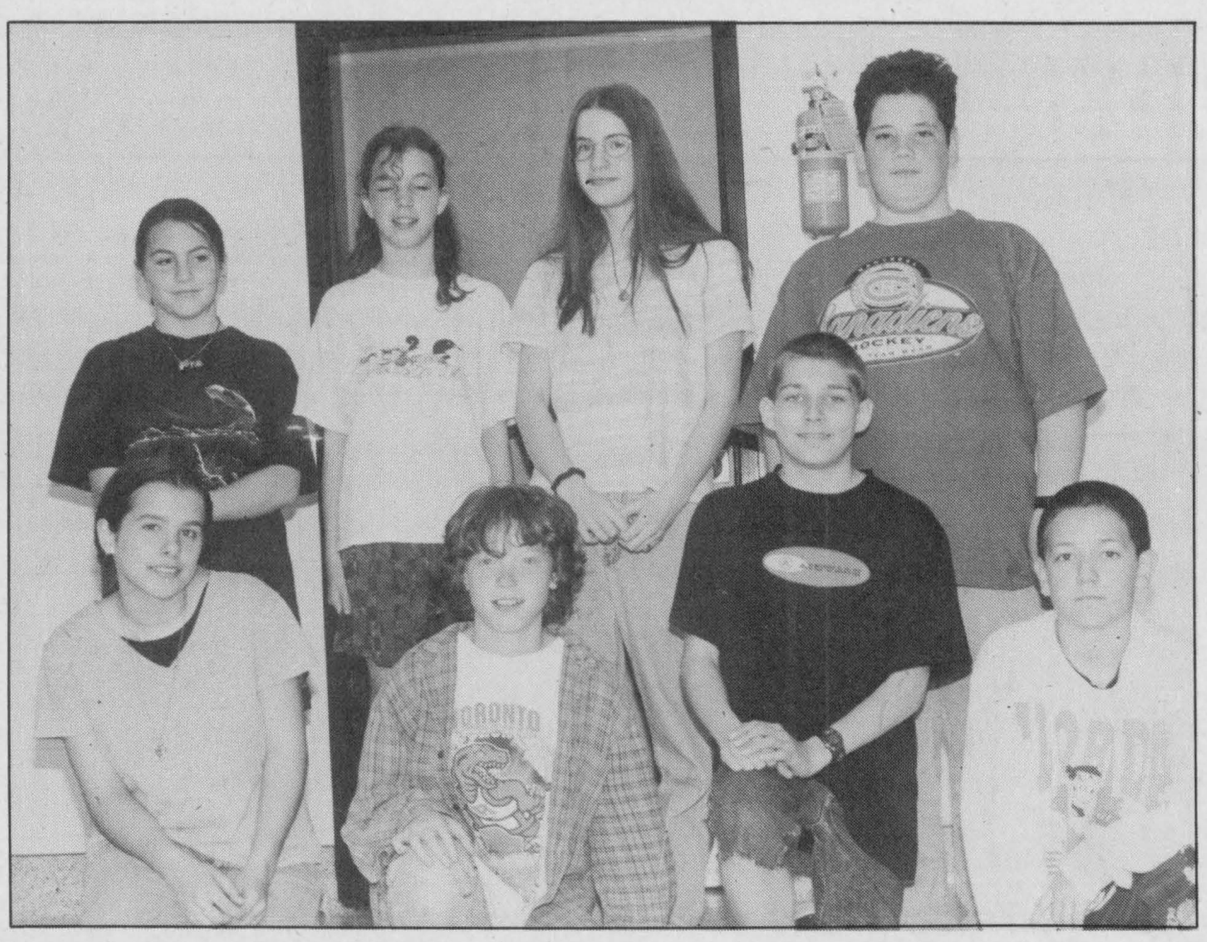
At the recently held provincial Reach for the Top competition, the five-member team from North Dundas District High School won nine of their 10 games as well as beating the eventual first and second place national teams. A total of 38 teams competed for the provincial title.

Earlier in the season, the team was confident they would be able to make it to the nationals in British Columbia. However, according to one of their coaches, Kathy Lapointe, the team is still happy with their performance.

"They were initially (upset about not going to the nationals) but when they looked back they were really happy."

After winning their quarter-final match, NDDHS lost to Earl Haig in the semi-finals. Earl Haig went on to win the national championship.

The team consisted of Miles Hanscomb, Heather McGuire, Gordon Dean, Tyler Patterson and Jonathon Holtz.



Public speakers

Nine students from Maple Ridge Senior Public School participated in the annual school public speaking competition. Robyn Maler and Katheryn Leyenaar went on to compete at the Dundas Public Speaking competition. Front, left: Sarah Barkley, Thomas Holmes, Calvin Riddell and Curtis Murphy. Back: Jenna Lalonde, Kathryn Leyenaar, Robyn Maler and Matthew Baker.

Seaway students thump teachers on v-ball court

IROQUOIS — The main activity at Seaway last week was the Spring Fling Baseball Tournament.

Six teams of Seaway students competed over the lunch hour from Tuesday to Friday for the opportunity to play in a volleyball tournament on Friday afternoon.

Seaway This Week
by
Sarah-Jane Whittaker



The winning team, led by Jon MacGregor, competed against a team consisting of Seaway faculty members. The students, much to the delight of the crowd, firmly defeated the teachers in two sets of three.

The best part of the event though, was the funds raised from ticket sales for the Cancer Society.

At the SD&G Track and Field tournament on Thursday, Seaway had an excellent showing, winning the 'A' trophy for the sixth year in a row and qualifying 21 athletes to compete in 40 events at EOSSAA.

Sharon Spear did exceptionally well, winning the Cornwall Lions Club award for Top Female Track Athlete for the third year in a row — a feat that has never been accomplished by another female athlete.

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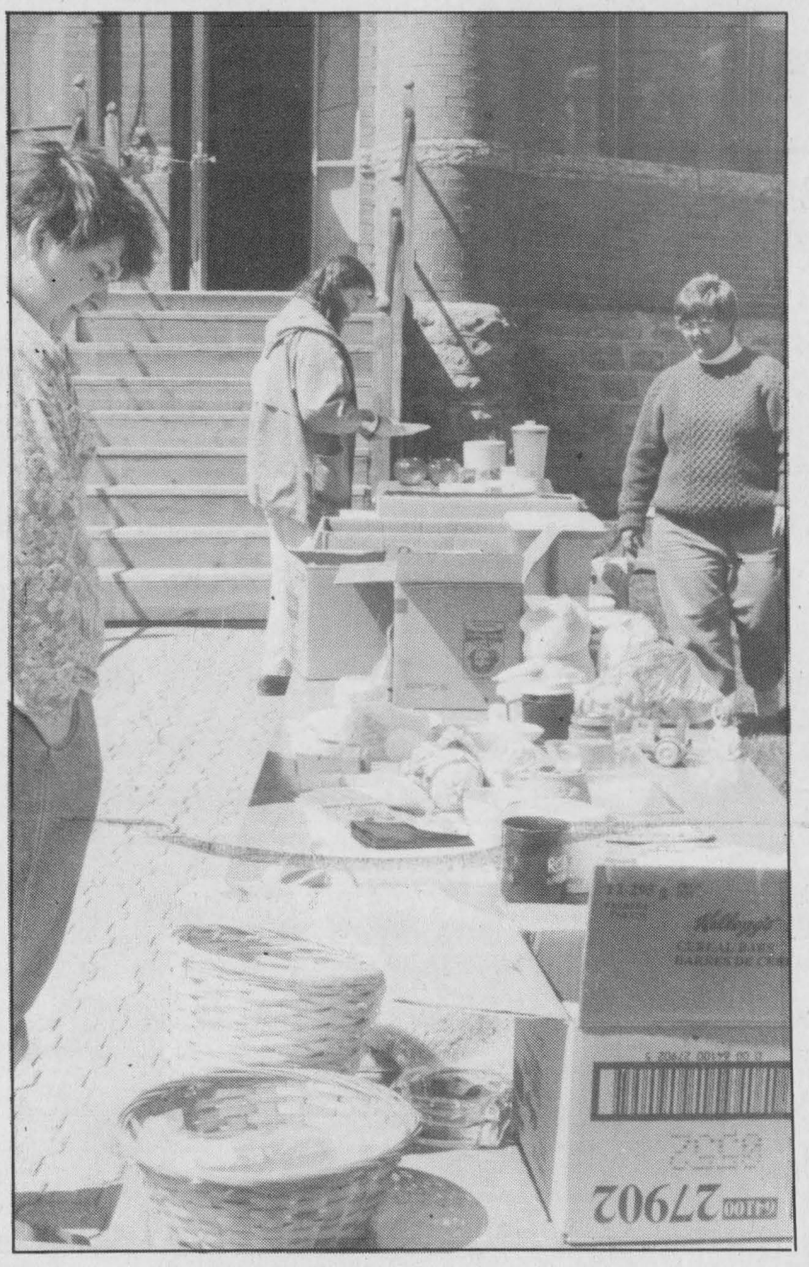

What's for sale?

Reverend Heather Jones of the Winchester Presbyterian Church sold goods at the fourth annual Village of Winchester Garage Sale on Sat., May 17. Mini sidewalk sales were held throughout the village and visitors from across Dundas County shopped around for the best deals. Press Photo -- Fetterly

Friends raising funds

We were at a meeting recently when staff from small libraries in this part of the province got together to share concerns and possible solutions in running libraries. Basically, everyone is concerned about amalgamation - when, with whom and how this will affect libraries; will there still be library boards and will they be composed of councillors or citizens; and where will the money come from if the province doesn't supply any help?

Osgoode Twp. library beat
by Shirley Mills

No one has any real answers but there were some innovative ideas about raising money to run these public libraries. We heard of book and bake sales, raffles, car washes, lotteries and through a Friends group, the library where volunteers spruced up the children's area with donated paint and finished with a large mural.

Our Friends group in Osgoode is also doing what it can and organized a Canadian Forces band concert (a marvellous evening) and has planned upcoming car washes and book sales. The money raised goes directly to our libraries. We also appreciate their help with the courier service which transports books, etc. between the four branches. Cindy Hewitt at 774-5619 can give you information about the Friends.

I heard a man on radio recently who was talking about the wonders of automation and as an example mentioned libraries where "if the librarians still had to write down the numbers when checking out the books, they'd get nothing done."

He missed the whole point of rural libraries. Yes, it might take longer to mark out books, but while waiting, people have a chance to talk - about who is signed up for soccer, when the garden can go in, what renovations have been done on someone's house or what new books are good to read. They can bring in the new baby to be admired and the story hour children can show the staff and then proudly carry home their crafts. The library is a community facility.

We are not opposed to automation, we're just taking it slower. Both Vernon and Osgoode have access to the internet and we deal with interbranch loans through E-mail.

Libraries may change in the future but we hope it is a long time before rural libraries lose the personal, friendly atmosphere which makes them unique.

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OBITUARIES

Edgerton Peter Hall

Edgerton Peter (Ted) Hall, of Long Sault and formerly from Williamsburg, died on May 12. He was 76.

A former manager for Wornock Hersey Professional Services Inc., Mr. Hall was born in Toronto on January 6, 1921 to the late Edgerton William Hall and Elizabeth (nee Dewar) Hall.

Mr. Hall was predeceased by his wife Olive 'Madge' (nee Barkley), whom he married on August 25, 1941 in Dunbar.

He is survived by his brother Charles Fredrick Hall of Toronto as well as his nieces and nephews Aileen and Lyal Kehoe, Wayne and Charlotte Barkley and family, all of Williamsburg; Ena Harmon of Massena, New York; Lyle Cunningham of Geraldton and Lorne Cunningham of Brampton.

At Mr. Hall's request there was no funeral service.

Cremation of his remains was at Capital Memorial Gardens in Nepean.

Eileen Saunders

Eileen Saunders, of Mattawa and formerly from Vernon, died on May 13. She was 67.

Mrs. Saunders will be sadly missed by her husband Ross as well as her children Beverly (Robert) Bowey of Waterloo, Barbara (Andrew) of Garcon, Helen (Yves) Laliberte of Markham, Colleen (Howard) Richardson of Kitchener and Kelly of Waterloo.

She will also be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Catherine, Dawna, Carey, Christena, Brandon, Mark, Shannon, Daryl and Adam as well as her sister Shirley Coons of Chesterville and brothers Freeman (Carol) Acres of Vernon and Frederick of Valley East.

Funeral services were held at the T.L. Smith Funeral Home in Mattawa on May 15. Rev. Reg Gilbert officiated.

Interment was at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Donations to the Anglican Church Memorial Fund or to the Mattawa General Hospital would be appreciated by the family as expressions of sympathy.

Ernest John Sopsich

Ernest John (Ernie) Sopsich, of Chesterville, died on May 15. He was 37.

The former executive director of the Shooting Federation of Canada, Mr. Sopsich was born in Toronto on January 26, 1960 to Janos and Aino Sopsich of Scarborough who survive him.

He will also be fondly remembered by his fiance Kelly Leach of Chesterville and his future family of Doug and Linda Leach of Nepean.

Mr. Sopsich was a national rifle team member and competed in several international meets, including the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia (bronze medal) and the 1983 World Championships in Caracus, Venezuela.

Funeral services were held on May 19 at Daniels Funeral Homes Inc., Chesterville. Rev. Roy Harwood officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dave Ray, Brad Nuttley, Brett Nattress, Steve Brown, Pat Vanplew and Norman Botts.



Music association donates

Chesterville's Tri County Country Music Association donated $500 to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The money will be used for capital expenditures. Left: Roy Glassford, hospital CEO and Lillian Moore, association treasurer.

Press Photo — Wolfe

Discover 19th century plants

MORRISBURG — Garden enthusiasts and amateur green thumbs will not want to miss the ninth annual Heirloom Plants and Gardens weekend at Upper Canada Village this Saturday and Sunday (May 24-25).

Visitors will be able to step back in time to the 1860s, view historical gardens first-hand and help with the planting. During this special weekend, people can find out about the many unusual 19th century varieties of flowers and plants at the village.

Gardeners will be hard at work as they prepare ornamental, vegetable and flower beds. At Loucks' Farm, visitors can help plant 'Garnet Chili' and 'Early Rose' potatoes. There will also be lots of opportunities to discuss 1860s gardening methods, pest control and hot bed construction.

Tradition continues at the Village Store where many popular 19th century annuals and perennials will be for sale. The plants, such as hollyhocks, snap dragons, maltese cross, common and black four o'clocks and cardinal flowers are heirloom varieties found within the village gardens.

Admission to Upper Canada Village is $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors, $9 for students and $6 for children five to 12 years old. Children under four are admitted free.

Car rally raises $36,000 for hospital

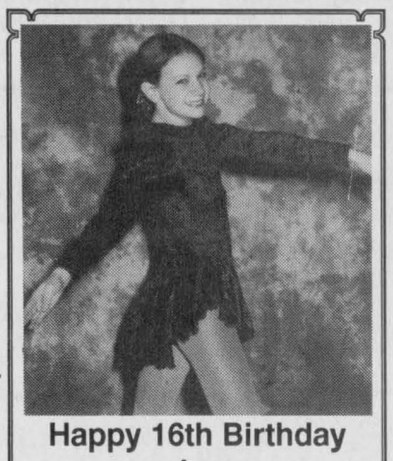
MORRISBURG —The Winchester District Memorial Hospital is $36,000 healthier thanks to a recent car rally.

The second annual car rally, organized by the Morrisburg & District Lions Club, drew 32 vehicles out for the 218 kilometre tour around Dundas County.

Twenty-two cars participated in last year's rally which raised $26,000 for the hospital.

Diane Lapier, Jeff McCambley, Jean Holmes, Jayne Heiber and John Gray won top prize for bringing in the most sponsorship money — $3,082.50.

The top pledge prize went to Terry and Judy Laurin, Dick Armstrong, Janice Harper and Lee Kelly.



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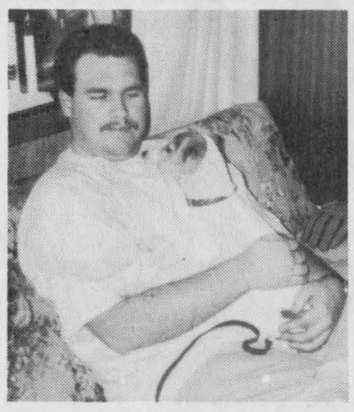

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News in brief

Art show to benefit hospital

MORRISBURG — An art show and sale is planned for Sun., June 8 at the Lakeshore United Church in Morrisburg with proceeds to benefit the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Admission to the show, which runs from 1 - 4 pm, is $2.

For information contact Ree Graham at 613-652-2023 or Barb Bradford at 613-543-3682.

Happy Face Nursery plans auction

CHESTERVILLE — As it last fundraiser for the school year, the Happy Face Nursery School is planning a Goods and Services Auction on Sat., May 31 from 1 - 3 pm at the school.

For more information contact Gabriele Thomas at 613-448-3855.

Williamsburg euchre winners

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — Winners in the Williamsburg Township Seniors' euchre held on Wed., May 7 were as follows:

Ladies: Mabel Prieur, Sharon Munro, Lois Sweeney;
Gents: Lyle Ezard, Dwain Hess, Keith Casselman;
Door prizes: Phyllis Scott, Lynn Gilmour;
Draw: Phyllis Scott, Walter Shadbolt, Marjorie Trickey, Sharon Munro, Mabel Prieur, Don Gill.

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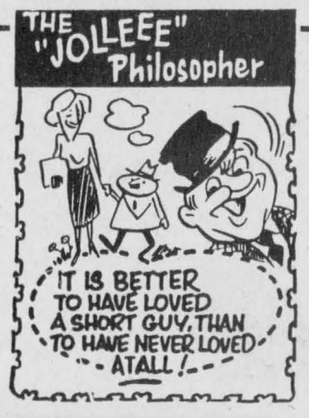

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WI gets goods on llamas

by Joyce Patterson

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Women's Institute held its May meeting on May 12 in the municipal building.

Former president Bettie Locke opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone.

Following the institute ode and the Mary Stewart Collection, 10 members answered the roll call by announcing their favorite meat dish.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. There was some discussion regarding the eastern area centennial celebration, which took place at the Richmond Arena on May 10, with over 600 members present. Arrangements were then discussed for some members to attend the district annual taking place on May 21.

The speaker for the evening was Jacqueline Porter. Porter and her husband run a farm east of Boucks Hill and have started to raise llamas. They currently have 19 and so far they said they have trouble bringing themselves to sell them as they are such great pets — very clean, intelligent and excellent companions. Also, contrary to popular belief, they do not spit unless they are ill-treated.

Right now, Porter said, they are breeding the llamas to produce a finer fibre for spinning.

The evening closed with a fellowship and lunch.

Card games on Golden Years agenda

by Muriel Reoch

WINCHESTER — The May meeting of the Golden Years Society was held in the Lions Hall with 50 members present and three visitors.

Vice-president Orma Earl welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by singing 'O Canada' and repeating the Lord's Prayer. Earl also read a poem entitled "Stubborn Grand Folk".

Birthday wishes were also given to three members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The next euchre party will be on May 22 and the bridge party will be on May 27.

The 39th annual convention will be held in Brampton on August 11-13. As many as possible are urged to attend the Spring Rally in Matilda on June 18.



Mobile monitors

The Widow Support Group from Stormont and Dundas recently donated $600 to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital to help pay for two mobile blood pressure monitoring units. Left: Audrey Nephew (Widow Support Group president), Lila McMillan (RPN at WDMH), Beryl MacMillan (Widow Support Group treasurer), Mary Luykx (Widow Support Group vice-president), Roy Glassford (WDMH director of finance).

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Mothers inspire monthly meeting

by Moira MacLeod

WINCHESTER — The St. Paul's Presbyterian Ladies Aid met on May 5 in the church hall. President Yoka Crowder opened with a reading in keeping with Mother's Day. The Hymn was "Mothers of Salem" with Helen Kerr playing the piano.

Kerr led the devotions with readings from Exodus and Leviticus with references to mothers. She also offered some readings, inspirational and humorous awards, about the role of mothers in the family.

Janet Clapp read the minutes of the previous meeting. Betty Larmour presented the treasurer's report.

The ladies ecumenical dinner is May 28 at the Weslyan Church. It is potluck and all ladies of the community are welcome.

Anne McIntosh presented a step stool for the church kitchen which is much appreciated.

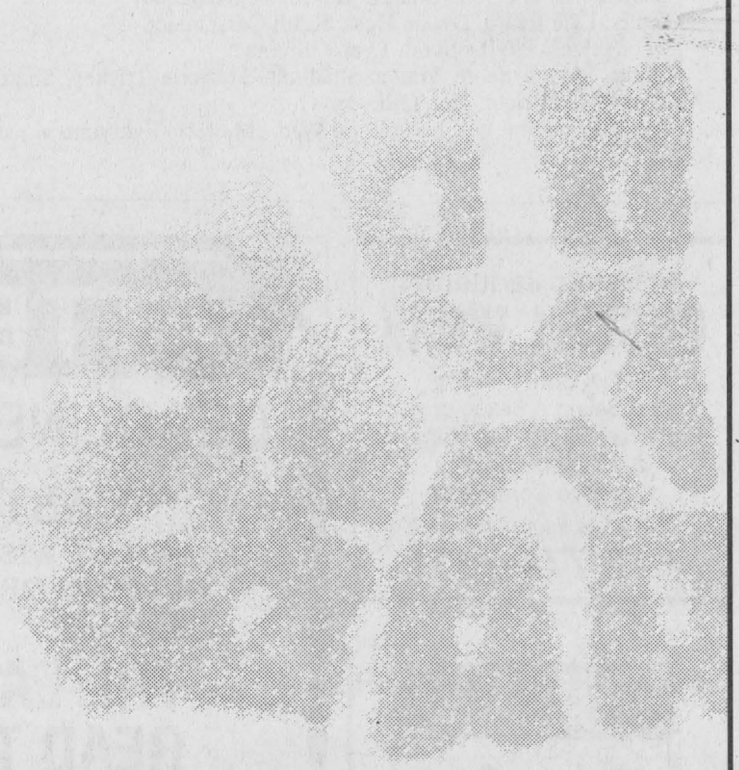
The June meeting will be a potluck supper on June 9. All ladies of the church are welcome.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Lunch was served by Ms. Reaney and Margaret Johnstone.

Off the beaten path

Advance polls

If you can't vote on election day, Monday, June 2, you may vote at the advance polls. The advance polls will be open on Friday, May 23, Saturday, May 24, and Monday, May 26, from noon to 8:00 p.m. See your Confirmation of Registration notice for the address where you can vote. If your name is not yet on the voters list, you can still register and vote at the advance polls or on polling day. Remember to bring identification that shows your name, address and signature.



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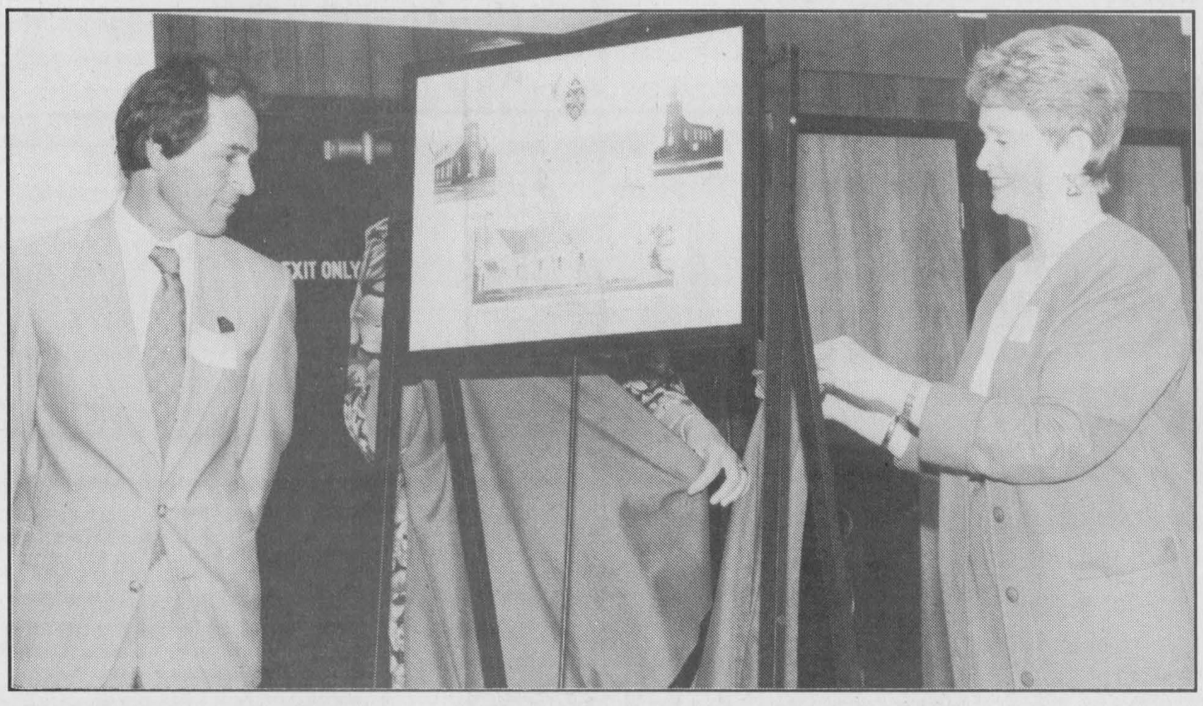

Fond memories

About 80 former Mountain United Church members attended a reunion to honor the church before it closed in 1969. A special commemorative plaque of the old church was unveiled by Jack Hoogenboom and Louise Shaw.

Press Photo — Wolfe

United Church parishioners rekindle memories at reunion

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — They came from as far away as Gananoque to share fond memories of the Mountain United Church 27 years later.

About 80 people packed the Mountain Community Hall Sun., May 18 to commemorate the United Church which closed in 1969 after 65 years.

Some people laughed while others cried as former congregation members shared stories.

"When I came to Mountain in 1934, the church was very busy and thriving," recalled Vera Moorhouse. "The church was the scene of weddings, baptisms, farewells to loved ones and much more. When (the church) closed it was not just the end of an era, it was the end of a way of life."

Moorhouse studied the history of the church and discovered the original building was erected before the turn of the century.

"School was held here at the time and the school board paid four dollars a month for the use of the building. More than 20 ministers served the church over the years and women's groups served an important role throughout its history catering socials, buying Sunday School supplies and doing endless other duties."

SPECIAL GUEST

Reverend Ken Van Allen of Gananoque was the special guest at the reunion.

"I spent eight years of my life in this community," he said. "I'm delighted to be part of this service. This is such a rich and heritage moment."

During his sermon, More than a Memory, Van Allen emphasized that a church never really closes.

"When a church closes, God does not cease to be God and the object of our faith does not disappear," he said. "Mountain United Church will always be more than a memory."

Louise Shaw, one of the event organizers, recalled her experiences at the church when she was a child.

"When I was younger, my grandfather always had peppermints in his pocket if the service got too long," she said. "My grandparents told us stories about the church and shared many songs with us."

A special commemorative plaque of the old Mountain Church was unveiled at the ceremony.

OAC students repay generous community

MAPLE RIDGE — One of the key elements anyone considers before purchasing a home is the neighborhood surrounding it. What are the people like? What sense of security is there? As we all know, a strong community protects, encourages and supports those living in it.

For example, children play safely in the street only if their community as a whole provides the necessary protection for this luxury. In many places throughout North America and the world, children do not have that privilege.

Members of some communities simply do not have the resources, the time or the ambition to secure their neighborhoods for their young. The result? Children growing up in an environment plagued by violence, fear and drugs.

Communities can form a better web of security and support than any government ever could, for a good community will always band together in times of crisis — large and small. It is the community, not the insurance company, that comes forward first with supplies, shelter and support when a family loses a home to fire. It is the community that improves the quality of life for those who face financial, emotional and physical challenges.

Why are some communities so closely knit together? In many cases, it's just instinct. Decent people do decent things naturally. I doubt that anyone has ever donated to a food bank, volunteered at a hospital, or helped out an elderly neighbor with the expectation of a dividend sometime in the future.

North Dundas is a school that has always benefited from community support. It is doubtful that the quality of all our programs would be as high as they are now had it not been for the generosity of hundreds.



NDDHS NOTES
by
Daniel Sahl

This generosity has been shown through many different actions. From those who supported fundraising through purchases, to the stores and businesses that donated products and supplies for various events. North Dundas receives a lot of support.

No one appreciates this support more than the graduating students. Each year, thousands of dollars are donated as awards to help us continue our education.

It is for this reason that the senior OAC students have decided to repay the community as a show of gratitude. This Sunday, at both the Winchester Arena and the Scotia Bank in Chesterville, students will be offering a free car wash to all those who would like one. That's right — free. Just our small way of saying thanks.

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Farm update



This team of horses in the light class of the annual horse pull competition held Sunday in South Mountain put all their weight into a pull. Teams in the light class pulled nearly 10,000 pounds, while teams in the heavy class pull over that.

Local competitors draw top marks

by Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Nice weather on Sunday drew a good crowd to the annual Horse Pull competition held at the Mountain Township Agricultural Fairgrounds.

Teams from across Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec competed for the prize money in light and heavy classes. The team of Richard Ladouceur of Edwards topped the light class while Ken McNeeley of Kemptville won the heavy class.

New to this year's competition was a Ladies Single Hitch class. Virginia Lee of Elgin placed first in this class, followed by Barb Peterson in second, Marilyn Williams of Mountain in third and Wendy Roswell of Elgin in fourth.

The top 10 placings in individual classes were as follows:

LIGHT CLASS

First, Richard Ladouceur, Edwards; second, Brent Gabie, Kazabazua, Que.; third, Yves Robert, Masham, Que.; fourth, Ken McNeeley, Kemptville; fifth, Ed Rowswell, Elgin; sixth, Ralph Hermer, Perth; seventh, Dave Peterson, Madoc; eighth, Barb Peterson, Madoc; ninth, Randy Mitchell, Lanark; tenth, Laurence Preston, Kenmore.

HEAVY CLASS

First, Ken McNeeley, Kemptville; second, Kenny Greer, Mountain; third, Doug Hermer, Smiths Falls; fourth, Gilles Millette, St. Andre Aubein, Que.; fifth, Bill Lee, Pakenham; sixth, Brent Gabie, Kazabazua, Que.; seventh, Rob Munro, Lanark; eighth, Jacques Lanouix, Gatineau, Que.; ninth, Gerry Morrow, Kemptville; tenth, Murray Hyndman, Mountain.

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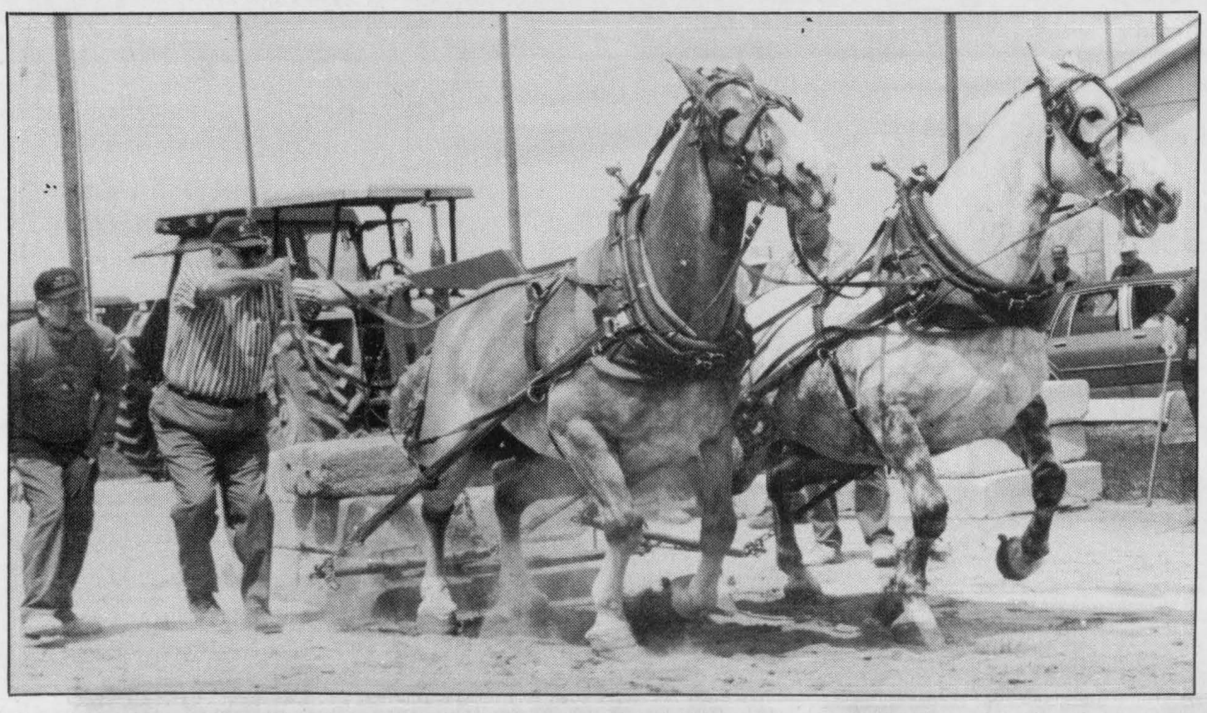

Ken McNeeley of Kemptville made a strong showing at the annual horse pull competition held Sun., May 18 in South Mountain. His heavy team placed first in its class, while his entry in the light class took fourth place.

Press Photos — Fetterly

4-H update

4-H clubs gearing up

WINCHESTER — The Dundas 4-H vet club will hold its organizational meeting at 7:30 pm on Thurs., May 22 at the OMAFRA Boardroom.

As well, the woodworking club will begin on June 19 at 7:30 pm in the OMAFRA Boardroom.

Metcalfe Beef Club kicks off

by Erin James

METCALFE — Forty keen 4-H members turned out for the first meeting of the Metcalfe Beef Club held at the Metcalfe Fire Hall on May 14.

We began the meeting by choosing our club executive. Elected were: Kerry McNeely, president; Amber Payne, vice-president; Carrie Moffatt, secretary; and Erin James, press reporter. Youth leaders are: Julie Denison, Ben Fisher, Leslie Johnson and Tammy Godwin.

Our next meeting will be held on June 3 at the Metcalfe Fire Hall.

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Spring planting running behind schedule

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — While the cool, wet spring has had farmers anxious to get on the land, nice weather over the long weekend has seen some corn planted.

The optimum corn planting date of May 10 has already passed and while a few farmers have had some corn planted, "others haven't planted a kernel," said Gilles Quesnel, the area's soil and crop advisor.

According to Quesnel, corn planting is very sporadic. Farmers working with lighter soils have been able to complete some planting while those on heavier soils have to wait for drier conditions.

Quesnel is advising farmers to do any planting as soon as the ground is ready rather than wait for soil temperatures to warm up.

"(Farmers) shouldn't be looking at soil temperatures now... Instead look at soil conditions since (planting) shouldn't be delayed any longer," he said. Soil temperatures are now quite cold, however, Quesnel says today's hybrids are tolerant to cooler conditions.

"Seed can sit in the ground a few days before germination is affected by the cold," he explained.

As well, higher heat unit corn hybrids planted after May 15 will need an exceptional year to prevent any yield losses, he added.

Growers going with higher heat unit hybrids (greater than 2,700), should look at scaling back about100 heat units for every week planting is delayed, he suggested. Corn producers planting varieties with heat units higher than 2,700 were already pushing it to the limit for this area, he added.

SOYBEANS

Things are not so critical for soybeans, said Quesnel.

Since soybeans are more sensitive to cooler soils, it is best to wait until the soil is warmer and dry before planting beans.

"The most important aspect for planting soybeans is that (the plants) must get out of the ground quickly."

CEREALS

According to Quesnel, farmers are trying to get a good percentage of spring cereals in before it becomes too late in the season to plant. Cereals not in by May 10 will experience some yield losses, he said.

However, cereals planted during a nice spell earlier on in the season will not be affected by the cool conditions, he added.

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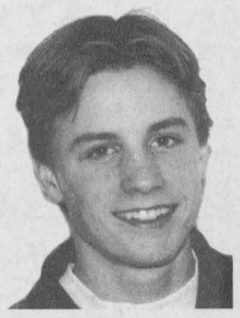

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Helping out

Dundas County 4-H members held a bake sale on Saturday during the Giant Garage Sale in Winchester to raise funds for a 4-H club in Manitoba's flood-stricken region. Pictured, Margaret Johnstone (right) purchases baked goods from 4-H volunteers Don Fisher, Korrine Hutt, Linda Porteous (leader) and Alex Fetterly.

Press Photo — Fetterly

Self Starters hear lecture by MacDonald

AVONMORE — Blair MacDonald of Morrisburg was the guest speaker at the SELF Start business training program in early May.

MacDonald gave a speech entitled, "Behind every successful woman...". MacDonald is the husband of Lori MacDonald, co-owner of the Picadilly Press in Williamsburg.

The program was sponsored jointly by Women and Rural Economic Development, the Agricultural Adaptation Council, and the Community Development Corporation of SD&G.

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Graham Duke heads Dundas Jr. Farmers

by Patty Duke

WINCHESTER — The past few months for the Dundas Junior Farmers has been far from slow.

In late January the Dundas Junior Farmers held their annual banquet in conjunction with the Zone 1 annual banquet. The evening was a success with the 1997 executive chosen as follows: president and assistant provincial director, Graham Duke; vice-president, Angela Daly; past-president, Cindy Robinson-Schoenfeld; treasurer and agricultural contact, Clare Kinlin; provincial director, Tammy Duke; secretary and newsletter editor, Sandra Greer; press reporter, Patty Duke; and sports director, Shawn Backes.

Several presentations were made by zone representatives and the banquet was followed by a successful dance.

During January, Dundas Junior Farmers also entered the zone winter games with two enthusiastic teams in the curling competition held at the Hawkesbury curling rink.

In February, Dundas Junior Farmers also held its membership drive beginning with bowling. This was followed by the introduction of our executive and events for new members.

In March, Dundas was proud to have Tammy Duke and Laurie McDiarmid represent us at March Conference `97. This year the event was held in Peterborough. Also in March we participated in curling at the Morrisburg Curling Club.

April brought not only the rain, but also the annual volleyball tournament, hosted by Stormont Junior Farmers at Tagwi High School. Dundas sent a team which placed second. Our provincial director Tammy Duke headed to Guelph to attend the April provincial directors meeting.

Also in April, female members prepared lunches which were auctioned off to male members to raise money for local charities.

Planning has begun for the annual Dairyfest dance slated for the Thursday evening. Also on May 24, the Dundas Junior Farmers is holding its annual ball hockey tournament at the Morewood Community Centre.

If anyone is interested in joining the fun and excitement of Dundas Junior Farmers and is between the ages of 15 and 29, contact Graham or Tammy Duke at 448-3497.

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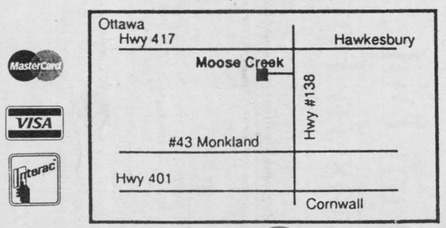

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